

We are in the nursery building of-

Thorley Hill Primary School

Park Lane

Bishop’s Stortford

Herts

CM23 3NH

11.50am-3.00pm

**Newsletter**

**Summer Term 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Spring break with your family and friends. As before this newsletter will have some useful reminders as well as any new updates for you all. A separate email will follow with details of the transition process to reception and a Sunflowers end of year event!

Warmer weather

As we are entering the summer term, please ensure that your child has a named sunhat with them to keep them safe to access the outdoor provision in the sunshine. Water is always accessible. Please also make sure that children have sun cream applied before drop-off in the morning.

Term Dates

Sunflowers Pre-School follows Thorley Hill’s term dates…

Monday 16th April-

Summer Term begins

Friday 25th May-

Finish for half term

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Half Term

Monday 4th June-

INSET day

Tuesday 5th June-

Back to Pre-School

Friday 20th July-

End of Term- Finish at 1.20pm

Lunch Time Reminders

Please remember to reduce the risk of choking hazards at lunch time to cut grapes in half lengthways. We are a nut free environment. We encourage healthy eating so please don’t include chocolate or sweets in lunch boxes.

Snack Contribution

We ask for a voluntary donation towards the snack we provide. We aim to have two choices of fruit/vegetable each day. Recently we have been extending the children’s independence by introducing more of their input in preparing their snack which has had a good response from the children. A suggested amount is 25p per session. You can pay by cash on a weekly basis in to the blue tin by the entrance/exit. You are also welcome to pay termly by cash or bank transfer if you would prefer. Please email/call for bank details. Thank you to everyone that has contributed so far.



Parent Helpers

We welcome any parents/carers/grandparents that would like to come in and help/play, even if it’s just for an hour at the end of the session. The children feel very proud showing you off to us and vice versa. I haven’t made a rota this term so please just mention you can come in, so we know to expect you. Visitors to Sunflowers are not to sign in through the main school now. Instead, please come to one of the green side gates and call the Sunflowers number below to let us know you’re there and a member of staff will come and let you in. Thank you.

Sally Sunflower’s Story

Thank you to everyone that has had our flowery friend to stay. The children have responded to it so well and it has created some lovely opportunities for them to share their home life experiences with us and have a sense of responsibility. The children enjoy adding their contribution to her story book which is filling up nicely. You are more than welcome to come in and have a look through it with your child. Thank you again for your efforts!

Pick Up Time

Please keep us informed of anyone new picking up at the end of the day. It is our Safeguarding responsibility to not allow your child to be collected by anyone unfamiliar to us unless they have the password that you have provided us with. *Could all parents/carers please endeavour to arrive to collect their child at 3pm promptly. We appreciate your co-operation.*

Tapestry/Focus Child Weeks

During the summer term we will be starting your child’s third focus week of the school year. A reminder of the process…

We will ask for your feedback on anything your child is currently interested in or any new aspects of their life. Together with our assessments and the last focus week’s ‘Identified areas for future focus’ (next steps), we spend a week enhancing their learning using our child-led ethos and some thought out opportunities to encourage new experiences. You will get observations on tapestry during this week and we encourage you to send some back to us too please. We don’t have parent meetings in this term as you will be receiving a report instead. Please feel free to email or speak to us about any concerns or questions you may have. When it is not your child’s focus week you will have a reduced amount of observations than you have had so far. Please let one of us know if you are having problems accessing Tapestry.

A useful guide for parents is- ‘What to expect, when?’ www.foundationyears.org.uk

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